

# ALENCAR'S NEWSLETTER

**“The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.” Nahum 1:7**

Dear Faithful Supporters,

We are doing well and trust you are also. We began 2021 with many uncertainties as what this year had in store for us. Knowing we can trust God to uphold us through all circumstances strengthens us. God is good and there isn't a better place to be than in the center of His will. And we do know that better days are ahead for those who know the Lord.

**CHURCH** - In our last letter we asked you to pray for Junior (Chucky) who had been a drug dealer. He is encouraging the teenagers to turn away from drugs. As a result of this effort, we are meeting with 80 young people and challenging them to choose Christ and to turn away from bad choices, such as selling drugs. We have divided these boys into two groups and each Saturday afternoon meet at our church for a time of games, devotional and a special meal, to show them that the Church values their decision to abandon their involvement with drugs. We are thankful that God has opened this path to these boys and is giving us the opportunity to share Christ's love and reach them with the gospel.

We returned to our regular meetings at our church building on Sunday, Wednesday nights and youth on Saturdays. Praise God for the people we have recently shared the Gospel.

**HOUSE OF HOPE** – There are twelve women at the rehabilitation home and there are twenty-two men at the men's rehabilitation home. It is rewarding to see a few who demonstrate a genuine hunger for the Word. During the seven months that they are in the rehabilitation home we strive to reach these lives with the gospel message of hope through salvation in Jesus.

In spite of such difficult times, our expectation for 2021 is to be a blessing in the lives of people around us and make the most of the opportunities God gives us, bringing joy to the joyless, hope to the hopeless and comfort to those who hurt in our church family and in our community.

Thank you to each of you for your prayers and your continued financial support. You are an encouragement. We thank God daily for the privilege of working together as co-laborers.

May God grant you peace and joy throughout this year,

Paulo and Janis Alencar.



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